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### BUILDING OF CITIES.

The conference of national interests on the subject of the building of cities, at Washington, has taken up a big subject, says the Buffalo Express. Just what progress it can make with an important problem remains to be seen. We all realize that almost no cities are built as they should be. Almost no cities are built in circumstances that will permit them to be built as they should be. The few exceptions are cities like Gary, Ind., which is built from nothing to a full grown community at once. Most cities are merely a matter of growth. They have small beginnings, and as the community grows it provides for its immediate needs as they arise. The small community cannot afford to look very far ahead. A comparatively few years at the most is all that can be considered. So when the community outgrows the needs for which it provided a few years before, it has simply to do the work over again on a little larger scale. If the modern city could be planned and built at the outset on a scale which would probably provide for its needs many years ahead, then it would avoid many of the evils from which the average city suffers. And it could safeguard its own rights and have the enjoyment of many improved conditions which would be very difficult and very costly to obtain at the present time.

Amid many complaints that professions are overcrowded and trades over-supplied with workmen, it is refreshing to learn that there are educational branches badly undermanned—or undermanned, says the Los Angeles Herald. When the new era in education was begun, with a recognition of the importance of the gymnasium, the playground and the football field in the education of a "complete American," the demand for medical inspectors and examiners, school nurses, supervisors and directors of physical education, supervisors of instruction for playground work and for instructors in athletics was increased steadily until now it far exceeds the supply.

The overturning of a motor boat was the cause of the drowning of four persons at Coshocton, O. Small power craft have become so popular that "landlubbers" are in need of warnings concerning the dangers of fast going on the water. Motorboats are mere cockleshells which sink under the weight of their machinery when they capsize; and their lightness makes them extremely sensitive to sudden alterations in weights. There should be air chambers at the bow and stern to provide buoyancy in emergencies, after the manner in which metal rowboats and sailing boats are constructed.

Bolivia is said to have assumed a defiant attitude, refusing to apologize to Argentina for the affronts offered to the latter's diplomatic representative because of the boundary line decision. Is Bolivia acting the part of a spoiled and sulky child, or is it the prevailing idea down there that the only arbitration which "goes" is that in which the finding is on the Bolivian side?

Extreme summer heat is a very hard thing to bear and entails real suffering, but the number of deaths and prostrations from the heat bear a very small proportion to the total population. This is a fact which ought to encourage people to cultivate endurance, which really lessens the affliction as much as worry and dwelling upon it increases suffering.

A noblewoman of Austria-Hungary is looking for an American husband of riches. Considering what success the titled men have made of annexing American dollars through matrimonial means, it is no wonder that the women are trying to get into the game. But the latter has small chance of competing with the American girl on the latter's own preserves.

France appears to have caught the warship fever. The cabinet has approved a program which involves the expenditure of \$600,000,000 in ten years for naval construction and the building of twelve big battleships. That country is thrifty and has money in abundance, if not "to burn." But is not that a costly proceeding even for a nation so well fixed?

With the prospect of Indian rebellion seeking expression of hatred rule in assassination, Great Britain can now sympathize with Russia in that country's terrorist agitation by the anarchists. Hitherto England has been safe from attacks by this class, on account of the comparative asylum afforded them. Now the danger has come from another source, and the nation has awakened with a shock from its dream of immunity from political assassins.

Experts in connection with the United States geological survey estimate at \$38,000,000 the value of the peat lying undeveloped in the swamps and bogs of the United States. Perhaps something will be done with peat now that anyone who wishes to is welcome to use the recently invented machine, which converts peat into gas.

Later on perhaps the egg trust will announce that there never were any other eggs than the cold-storage kind.

## FOUR UNDER FIRE

GLAVIS CRITICIZES SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AND FIRST ASSISTANT BENNETT.

### PRESIDENT ORDERS REPORT

Cunningham Claims Cases in Alaska Will Be Fully Investigated—Now in the Interior Department.

Washington, D. C.—Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior; Frank Pierce, assistant secretary; Fred Bennett, commissioner of the general land office, and Henry H. Schwartz, chief of the field service, are the four officials whose actions in the Alaska coal land cases are so severely criticized in the report submitted to President Taft at Beverly by L. R. Glavis, chief of field division in the service of the interior department.

Notwithstanding the sincere efforts which have been made to keep the Glavis report a secret, information obtained indicates that the criticism or charges preferred by Glavis were communicated officially to the interior department Wednesday by President Taft. The president's message contained a demand for full information concerning every step that has been taken by the department in the administration of the Cunningham claim case. Commissioner Bennett of the land office is busy preparing a reply.

Now in Interior Department. Some of the officials who have been drawn into the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy expect the developments to be of a sensational character. Whether the blow will fall upon the interior department or upon the forest service can be foretold only by those who have accurate knowledge of the nature of Glavis' criticisms and the character of evidence he may have to support his claims.

Glavis' personal appeal to the president for interference in the prosecution of the government's side of the Alaska cases has removed the field of active hostilities to a zone entirely within the interior department. His appeal for a postponement of the hearings in the Cunningham case until more evidence can be gathered to protect the government's interests is exactly in line with the efforts which have been made by the forest service for several months.

As Glavis is a subordinate official of the general land office and thus in the service of the interior department, the open fighting now seems to be limited to the confines of this department. There is no doubt that Glavis will have all the support that Forester Pinchot and his assistants can give, but they will not appear in the controversy until the case reaches a stage where their testimony will be demanded.

The visit of Glavis to President Taft marks the third official protest he has made against the interior department's plan of having the Cunningham claims brought to a decision. In June and again in July he urged the officials of the land office not to press the claim case. Mr. Bennett paid no attention to the complaints, but Glavis was not charged with insubordination. This action led to the report that the land office did not care to antagonize Glavis.

Later, however, Glavis was removed from the supervision of the Cunningham cases and they were put in the charge of Special Agent Sheridan. He is now acting for the government in the collection of evidence against the Cunningham claimants.

Flooded Mine Pumped Out. Mt. Vernon, Illinois.—Deering mine No. 18, south of Mt. Vernon, which was flooded to extinguish a fire caused by explosion in which four shot miners were killed, is being pumped out. The mine has been idle almost a year. Orville Jones of this city was a victim of the explosion.

Fifteen Men Drown 1500 Feet. Mateahuala, Mexico.—Fifteen miners were killed by the dropping of a cage into the La Paz mine here. The cable parted and the men dropped 1500 feet.

240 Killed by Dynamite. Vienna.—The Mahdist rebels in Yemen, a province in southwest Arabia, have dynamited the Turkish barracks, killing 240 of the soldiers according to messages from Constantinople. The exact location of the barracks is not stated.

Turkish troops are now scattered through Yebun, it is reported, because of big arrears in their wages, they are refusing to fight the rebels. The Mahdist movement is declared to be wholly revolutionary.

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14,000 Masons Strike. Paris.—As a result of differences with the employees association regarding the method of changing from piece to time work, the stone masons union has decided upon a strike. Fourteen thousand went out.

Carnegie Helps I. W. U. Bloomington, Ill.—President Theodore Kemp of Illinois Wesleyan university received notice that Andrew Carnegie had given \$30,000 to the university for a new science building. An endowment of \$80,000 has been raised.

Washington Lands Open. Washington.—Frank Pierce acting secretary of the interior designated 21,016 acres more land as coming within the enlarged homestead act in the state of Washington making the total up to date 3,597,970 acres.

## RIOT GUNS ARE CARRIED

PROVISION WAGONS GUARDED AT PITTSBURG.

Court Decision Is Cause—Judge Holds That Company Cannot Be Forced to Arbitrate.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Following the court decision that the car works strike could not be forced to arbitration, deputy sheriffs, for the first time since the strike began, are carrying loaded repeating riot rifles.

A commissary wagon leaving the car plant to bring provisions for the troops was also guarded by a heavy detachment of men to prevent attack by hungry strikers.

Deputies report that they were fired on repeatedly late Tuesday night by a party on Norwood Point, a quarter of a mile from the plant.

The searchlight was turned in that direction, but when the troops arrived the men had fled.

Car Service to Plant Stopped. The Pittsburg Railway company stopped running cars over O'Donovan's bridge, and employees said service to the car plant would be abandoned until the strike is over.

At noon the state troopers started a house-to-house search among the strikers for firearms.

With the strikers in their present state of excitement, it is feared the decision of Judge McFarlan will act as a veritable bomb among them and cause a fresh outbreak of rioting.

All hopes of the strike at the Pressed Steel car works being settled by arbitration, unless the company voluntarily meets the men, were lost when Judge McFarlan refused to grant the petition filed by the strikers asking that the company be compelled to arbitrate.

Judge McFarlan held that the act of 1893, under which the petition was filed, was unconstitutional and void.

### SUTTON TO BE REBURIED

After Examination of Wounds Body Will Be Placed in Consecrated Ground.

Washington, D. C.—The body of Lieut. James N. Sutton of the United States marine corps is to be exhumed, examined by medical and gunshot experts to determine the nature of the wounds that caused his death.

Before reinterment, however, the ground in which the body now rests in Arlington national cemetery is to be consecrated under the rites of the Catholic church. Cardinal Gibbons has sanctioned this plan.

Cardinal Gibbons, it is said, considers that it has been established that Lieut. Sutton did not take his own life, at least not with suicidal intent, and for this reason he accorded the desired permission.

The whole future plan of action of the investigation started by the mother will depend largely on results attained from the autopsy.

If certain conditions are found the mother may ask for a congressional investigation. The date for exhuming the body has not been set.

### 20 HURT IN CAR WRECK

Two Fatally Injured When Crowded New York Trolley Hits Steam Roller.

New York City.—Twenty persons were injured, two probably mortally, when a trolley car, bowling along at 25 miles an hour, crashed into a steam roller at Jackson avenue and Fifth street, Woodside, L. I.

The impact was so great that the entire side of the car, an open one, was completely torn out, hurling the occupants, men, women and children into a mass at the rear end of the car. A dozen men and women, several of the latter with children in their arms, seeing that a crash was inevitable, jumped from the car just before the collision, miraculously escaping serious injury.

Shots Wound and Himself. Buffalo, N. Y.—Harry S. Weems, a traveling salesman from Chicago, fired two shots into his wife's body while they were standing in Niagara Square, and then turned the weapon on himself. He is dying at the Emergency hospital. Mrs. Weems will recover. The shooting followed a quarrel over jewelry, which Weems wished his wife to pawn.

Wisconsin Young People's Alliance. Lomira, Wis.—The Wisconsin Young People's Alliance of the Evangelical association Wednesday began a four day's meeting at the camp grounds here, with an attendance of about 1,000. Among the well known persons who will address the members are Bishop T. Bowman of Allentown, Pa., Rev. J. H. Lamb of Cleveland, O., and Rev. Paul Mayer, missionary to Japan. The president of the alliance is Rev. W. G. Raddatz of Racine.

Child Killed by a Car. Danville, Ill.—Frances, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mascari, was instantly killed by a street car here. The child's body was cut in twain, the wheels passing over the child's stomach.

Original "Hello, Bill." Cincinnati, Ohio.—Colonel William D. Shaw, well known railroad man and the originator of "Hello, Bill," the Elk slogan at lodge conventions, is dead at his home here. He was 79 years old.

Gompers Due in Paris. Paris, France.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, sent word that he would be here Saturday to represent America in the International Antirail Congress. Delegates representing 5,000,000 union laborers will be present.

Russian Grand Duke Enters Navy. St. Petersburg, Russia.—Grand Duke Cyril, oldest son of the late Grand Duke Vladimir, has entered the Russian navy as second officer in command of the cruiser Oleg.

## HARRIMAN STILL ILL

WIZARD SAYS HIS RETURN IS FOR A CURE AND NOT FOR WORK.

### TALKED FREELY ABOUT HIMSELF

Genius of Finance, With His Usual Optimism, Discusses Things Trivial and Pertinent—Satisfied with Trip Abroad.

New York City.—Edward Harriman, genius of finance, leader of men and master builder of railroads, came back to the United States, while the financial world stood on its tip-toes in anxiety and expectancy. He came back as he left, on June 1 last, a sick, tired man, seeking health.

Surrounded by his family and physicians at his magnificent, though uncompleted summer home at Arden-on-the-Hudson, he has begun the "after cure" which he needs after the enervating baths and dietetic treatment he underwent at the Austrian resort, Bad Gastein. How long he will remain in seclusion, how long it will be before he resumes the active direction of his vast railroad interests, depends solely upon his health.

He arrived feeble, face gaunt and voice weak.

Home For Cure, Not Work. "And I have come home," he said, "for a cure, and not for work."

Many great Americans have returned to their country under extraordinary circumstances; but never has there been a more remarkable home-coming of a private citizen than has E. H. Harriman.

The great stock market operators paused as his ship drew near. The stock market itself marked time. The industrial world turned its eyes seaward, as it were, eager for a glimpse of the man whose illness abroad has furnished much material for stock market rumors.

Contrary to expectations, the financier did not leave the Kaiser Wilhelm II down the bay, but remained on board until the vessel docked at Hoboken. Then, after being assisted ashore, he boarded a Southern Pacific tug and was taken to Jersey City, where he was again assisted to his private car. From there the trip was quickly made up the Hudson to his mountain home at Arden.

Although he flashed ashore a brief message of optimism at the request of the Associated Press and conversed for a time with interviewers after the Kaiser's arrival at quarantine, it was not until he had come ashore, been transferred from Hoboken to Jersey City and been placed comfortably in his private car that Mr. Harriman talked freely about himself, his health and his hopes of early recovery. Then reclining on a couch, pale and enfeebled, but with his usual optimism and tenacity of mind, he talked to an audience of more than a score of newspaper men before leaving for Arden. He began by apologizing for his recumbent position while talking, saying that while he had taken his meals regularly all the way over, just before he reached quarantine he was attacked with nausea. This, he said, necessitated his lying down.

"I am entirely satisfied with my trip abroad, as far as my health is concerned," he said, "and I have nothing on my mind except to come home and take the 'after cure.' I lost ten pounds while over there, and for a little fellow like me that is a great deal."

As he talked, his wife and Judge R. S. Lovett, vice president and general counsel of the Union Pacific, stood close by and gently admonished him not to overtax his strength. But Mr. Harriman waved them aside and continued to talk. His voice was weak and he asked from time to time if those farthest from him could hear.

Return on Doctor's Advice. The doctors advised me to come home and rest," he said, "although they intended at first that I should rest abroad."

Here he smiled wanly and went on: "The photographing those doctors put me through was worse than upon my arrival here—for they X-rayed me and did everything they could."

Laughing softly, he continued: "They took sixteen different photographs of my digestive organs on the splanchnic. And to make the picture a success, they began feeding me on bismuth and rice. Bismuth and rice, I understand, show up better on the plates. I had a great deal of fun during it all, but I lost three pounds during the photographing process, and once got a little shock. The doctors overlooked a little tack in the machine which they stood me up against. I came in contact with it. It frightened me a little, but I stuck to it."

Bubonic Plague in Hawaii. Honolulu, Hawaii.—Three cases of bubonic plague and one death from the disease were reported from the island of Hawaii. So far no cases of plague have been discovered on this island.

27 Persons Shot by Negro. New Orleans, La.—W. R. Way, a negro from Blue Bluff, Ark., ran amok at Monroe, La., and shot 27 persons, four seriously. He finally was killed and his body burned in the public square.

Land Values Increasing. Burns, Kan.—J. W. Barker sold a quarter section of land near here to Joseph Dooley for \$10,000. Six years ago the half section from which this was taken sold for \$6,500. Other land near here has increased at the same ratio.

Pellagra Kills Five in One County. Montgomery, Ala.—With five deaths from pellagra in Butler county, three others dying and five other cases under observation, there is almost a panic in that section.

## HEART STITCHED, LIVES

BURGON SEWS UP TWO CUTS RECEIVED IN FIGHT.

Organ Is Held in a Tensaculum During an Operation That Requires Almost an Hour.

St. Louis, Mo.—Michael Lawless, who was stabbed in the heart Saturday night, and who underwent an operation in which 13 stitches were taken in that vital organ, still lives.

The remarkable operation was performed early Sunday morning by Dr. Walter C. G. Kirschner, superintendent of the city hospital, after the patient was nearer death than usually comes to one who survives.

Monday the patient was still living and, while Lawless' condition is precarious, hospital physicians say that he has a chance for his life.

In the fight he was stabbed in the chest with a pocket knife. A physician made an examination and temporarily bound the wound. The patient was hurried direct to the city hospital reaching that institution at 12:45 o'clock Sunday morning, nearly an hour after the wound was inflicted.

Dr. Kirschner took charge of the case. He made a careful examination. While the patient had lost a great amount of blood and was much weakened, the doctor noted his robust and perfect physical condition and thought there was a chance to save his life.

Sections of Ribs Removed. His examination revealed that the knife blade had penetrated the heart itself and had made an opening an inch and a half long. With every pulsation of the heart blood spurts from it.

An opening above the heart was made by the removal of sections of two ribs, and the action of the heart was plainly visible to the surgeon and his assistants. It was seen that the knife blade had penetrated the pericardium, the fiber that protects the endocardium, known to laymen as the heart sack, and the endocardium, or inner heart itself.

Owing to the pulsations of the heart, Dr. Kirschner used an instrument called a tensaculum, with which the heart itself was seized and held while four stitches were made in the endocardium. Then eight stitches were taken in the pericardium, or the outer wall, and the heart was dropped back into the cavity.

### T. R. KILLS AN ELEPHANT

Former President Brings Down His First Pachyderm and Is Elated.

Nairobi, B. E. A.—Theodore Roosevelt has killed his first elephant and he is elated. The big pachyderm fell a victim to the ex-president's shots Saturday while Col. Roosevelt, hunting only with a native gun-bearer, was beating the jungles near his camp at Kenia.

The beast the president killed was a magnificent specimen of bull elephant and will make a valuable acquisition to the Smithsonian institute.

Leaving Guide Cunningham and Map, Keller, the Smithsonian institute's taxidermist, to skin the massive beast and pickle the hide for shipment to Africa, Mr. Roosevelt has gone, accompanied only by his gun bearers, to hunt in the vicinity of Lake Mweru. Kermit, accompanied by a few guides, is hunting in the vicinity of Guaso Nyro.

### RICH, WILL NOT QUIT JOB

Chicago Levee Policeman Falls Heir to \$50,000, But Will Stay On the Force.

Chicago, Ill.—"I'll stick to the force until my time is up, and the fortune left me by my uncle will not make any difference."

Such was the statement made by John Messery for years traveling through the levee district of the Des Plaines Street police station, when he learned he was heir to \$50,000 left by an uncle, Samuel Messery, Jacksonville, Ill., who died July 8. Lewis Messery, a brother, Sioux City, Ia., is to realize a similar amount.

Messery is 38 years old. He never saw his uncle since childhood, when he and his brother spent much of their time at that relative's home.

Old Church Celebrates. Elizabethtown, Ky.—The one hundred and first anniversary of the founding of St. Clare church, at Colesburg, was celebrated this week. Father Thomas Hayes of Bowling Green conducted high mass and Father Thomas White of Louisville preached the commemorative sermon.

Tidal Wave Sweeps Barcelona. Barcelona, Spain.—A phenomenal high tide flooded the lower parts of the city. Great damage has been done.

Dr. L. F. Cain of Oklahoma Weds. Washington, D. C.—Dr. L. F. Cain of Muskogee, Okla., a prospective candidate for the Republican nomination for the governorship of Oklahoma, was married at Rockville, Md., Saturday night to Mrs. Nora M. Fuller, a wealthy Washington widow.

Runners for Harriman. New York City.—Well authenticated sources here declare E. H. Harriman is to maintain a racing stable next year, with Saratoga as the principal scene of his activities.

Four Drown at Chicago. Chicago, Ill.—Four bathers were drowned in the lake within 24 hours ended at sundown Sunday. Two of them were twin brothers. The dead: Oliver and Thomas Cieslinski, twin brothers, 16; Homer M. Sorlier, 24; boy, believed to have been Ignatius Sonnenfeld, 16.

Czar Receives Baron Rosen. St. Petersburg, Russia.—Baron Rosen, ambassador to the United States, was received in audience by the Emperor.

## \$1,000,000 FIRE LOSS

THREE BUSINESS BLOCKS IN THE HEART OF CITY DESTROYED IN CONFLAGRATION.

### CITY FACES A WATER FAMINE

While Fire Rages, a Second Blaze Is Discovered in a Hotel, Creating a Panic Among Guests—One Fireman Injured.

Decatur, Ill.—Fire starting in the Moorhouse & Wells Hardware store on East Main street, caused a loss estimated at \$1,000,000, with insurance about 80 per cent of that amount.

Following the fire, the worst in the history of the city, Decatur faced a water famine. It became necessary to shut off the residence district, the supply of water in the reservoir being down to seven feet.

During the fire a blaze was discovered in the engine room of the Decatur hotel, half a block west from that which was being destroyed. There was a panic among the guests, but prompt work by hotel employees resulted in extinguishing the flames in the hotel.

### Springfield Sends Aid.

Springfield sent an engine and fire crew under the direction of Assistant Chief Cullen, and this gave the city four engines. The department was crippled by falling walls covering several hundred feet of hose. Among the buildings, together with their stocks of goods destroyed, were:

Moorhouse & Wells Hardware Company.  
Henry Bachrach, clothing.  
City book store.  
Dunzelsens meat market.  
Union Pacific Tea Company.  
Brinkmeyer building.  
Rogers & Clark, shoe store.  
F. H. Cole, shoe store.  
Shade Lokey, shoe store.  
Frank Curtis, jewelry store.  
Young's clothing store.  
P. Augustine, optical store.  
Buildings partly destroyed include:  
E. V. Armstrong, drug store.  
C. W. Harris, hat store.  
Post jewelry store.  
Elwood & Handlin, clothing.  
Chodak Book store.  
East & Long, shoe store.  
These buildings face on East Main street, Merchant street and Water street, and are in the very heart of the district.

### Pride of City in Ruins.

Moorhouse & Wells, in whose building the fire started, occupied a modern six story building, which was one of the show places of the city. Their loss is estimated at \$300,000. Other losses range from \$10,000 to \$70,000, but it is impossible to get accurate figures at this time.

### FIVE ARE KILLED IN RIOT

Women Armed With Stones and Clubs Make an Effectual Assault and Invite Men to Fight.

Pittsburg, Pa.—One state trooper, one deputy sheriff and three foreigners were shot and killed in a wild riot at the Pressed Steel Car plant in Schoenerville, whose employees are now on strike.

At least a score of persons were seriously wounded, several fatally. The rioting followed a day of quiet, and broke without warning.

The following partial list of dead and injured was made up from reports from the morgue, hospital and several physicians' offices. The dead: John L. Williams, state trooper.  
Harry Exler, deputy sheriff.  
Three foreigners.

Fatally injured:  
John C. Smith, state trooper.  
Luce Lian Jones, state trooper.  
Seven foreigners.

John Kitch and John O'Donnell, state troopers, were seriously injured, and one woman was shot in the neck.

During the early stage of rioting, women were conspicuous, some were armed and others effectually used clubs and stones. These women, all foreigners, insane with rage, were mainly responsible for inciting the men to extreme measures.

Slayer of Baby and Woman Lynched. Fitzgerald, Ga.—Henry Taylor, a negro, charged with assaulting Mrs. John M. Vickers Tuesday, and then murdering her and her infant, was taken from the sheriff, between Lumpkin and McRea, and hanged.

Match Opposed, Girl Commits Suicide. Wilmington, Del.—Opposition of her mother to her sweetheart, and because the parent destroyed a love letter from him, caused Angela Fachel, 21, to commit suicide by taking Paris green.

Bull Fight For Taft Visit. Juarez, Mexico.—The city authorities here voted to appropriate \$20,000 to entertain President Diaz and Taft when they meet October 16th. The city will be profusely decorated. A bull fight will be held.

Woman Died of Fright. Pittsburg, Pa.—One woman died of fright, a panic occurred in a street car which was struck by lightning, and a house roof was ripped off while the inhabitants lay in bed, during a violent electrical storm Friday.

Kept at Home, Girl Kills Herself. Glasgow, Ky.—Miss Annie Beas Loville, 16 years old, daughter of James Loville, a prominent farmer near Cave City, committed suicide by taking strychnine. She asked permission to go to a summer resort and was refused.

Seventy-five Horses Cremated. Louisville, Ky.—Seventy-five work horses in the barns of the Crompton Stable Company, were cremated in a \$30,000 fire which destroyed the buildings.

## NEWS FROM MISSOURI

Profit in Strawberries. For its large red apples and delicious Elberta peaches Missouri has long been famous, but there is another fruit grown in large quantities in the state, about which no poets sing in verse and no press agents herald in bright, glowing language, and yet so large and valuable is the annual crop that a mere tribute is not sufficient in paying all respects due to this tasty and ever welcome commodity. It is the strawberry, always large, luscious, tasty and tempting, grown more or less, in nearly every one of the 114 counties of the state. The "Red Book" for 1909 of the state bureau of labor statistics, will, when it is completed, give some valuable statistics on the strawberry crop of 1908, including the amount sent to the large markets.

The returns up to the present time reveal that \$70,679 crates were shipped by the counties in 1908 to St. Louis, Kansas City, Joplin, St. Joseph, Springfield and other cities of the state, and that some went as far as Chicago and Milwaukee. At \$1.70 per crate, a very conservative figure, these \$70,679 crates yield a total of \$1,480,154 to the growers, without considering the profits of the buyers and shippers, all from the surplus strawberry crop of Missouri.

Wealth in Missouri Fruit. The peach harvest in the Ozarks is half over and the crop in the Knochong and St. Elmo districts of South Missouri has turned out much better both as to quality and quantity than had been expected. The quality was never better. During the past week the choicest Elbertas have sold as high as \$2.40 per crate, or \$1,200 per car.

Many towns in South Missouri have shipped from three to 100 cars direct to New York and Boston. Thousands of pickers and packers have been at work in the South Missouri orchards at wages ranging from \$2 to \$2.50 per day. Many of the orchardists sold the products of their orchards on the trees to commission men from the East, realizing all the way from \$5,000 to \$40,000. The large orchards in Oregon county brought their owners from \$30,000 to \$40,000 this year. The products of one orchard of 300 acres sold for \$72,000.

Snake Charmed a Child. Horrified to hear the scream of her four-year-old granddaughter, who had been left playing on the floor on the Fenton homestead, ten miles north of Springfield, Mrs. Henry Fenton, an aged woman, ran to the room and saw a large blacksnake wriggling toward the child who was paralyzed with fear. The grandmother, hastily looking about for a weapon, seized a hatchet which was lying on the table. The reptile was rapidly nearing the child and before she could throw the hatchet she realized that only the most accurate throw possible would enable her to strike the snake and miss the child's head. She did not hesitate and hurled the weapon so as to strike the snake and stun it. The child with the serpent's charm broken, fled, and the grandmother dispatched the snake with a club.